

NEWS FROM THE ISLANDS.

Matters of Interest from Hilo, Kohala and Hamakua.

DEATH OF THE WATSON'S CAPTAIN.

He Succumbs to a Severe Attack of the Grippe—Plantation News—A Few Words About Choosing a New Flag—Shipping News from Hilo, etc., etc.

HILO, March 5.—The weather clerk is still supplying us with liberal doses of water, mixed with a little sunshine. The rainfall for February was 24.35 inches. Business has opened up brighter this month than the two preceding ones of this year.

Friends of Mr. Will Scott are glad to hear that the Kona climate just suits him, and that soon he will be his old self again. His family are the only white people in Kailua, but the natives are very kind and friendly and the place possesses so much that is of historical interest that his one year's leave of absence will pass away very pleasantly.

An interesting and pleasant "night with Burns" was spent at the residence of C. C. Kennedy on the 1st inst. by a goodly number of our townsmen.

The following pleasant programme by the Waiakea home talent was successfully carried out:

A good old Scotch song—Mr. Hutchins Vocal duet—Mr. and Miss Lougher Recitation—Master Ronald Kennedy Song—Mr. C. C. Kennedy Recitation—Miss MacGowan Native airs—Miss Roy

At the close of the programme, each number having received the hearty applause of the audience, Mrs. Kennedy unfolded a novel and original plan of entertainment. The guests who had been decorated with blue ribbon by the hostess were to select a fagot, ignite it on the hearth, and until it was burnt amuse the other guests by a story. Much merriment was afforded by those selecting a small fagot and finding hid in the middle a hard piece of koa or iron-wood. Mrs. F. S. Lyman, Mrs. Furneaux, Miss Deyo, Messrs E. E. Richards, John A. Scott, Luther Severance, A. G. Curtis and R. Lougher were the story tellers. Refreshments and then Aid Lang Syne ended an evening pleasantly to be remembered.

It is whispered that we are to have a literary and social society once more. The unmarried, with one or two exceptions, are to constitute the members, each member to have the privilege of inviting one married couple to the entertainment. Mrs. E. D. Baldwin, Miss Richardson, Miss Porter and Miss Severance are the active spirits who are to ask twenty more to join them. Mrs. Severance, who so ably conducted the literary society that was in existence here for some six years, will probably render much assistance.

Mr. J. W. Mason, after a visit to Kona and Laupahoehoe looking up coffee lands, returned to his first love Olaa, and intends clearing one hundred acres of land immediately, preparatory to planting.

Mr. Geo. Weighl, Onomes Sugar Company's best overseer, is home again from a short visit to the Coast. The phonograph at the Court House the 2d and 3d instants, drew very fair houses.

C. Y. Aiona, the leading Chinese merchant here, expects to visit the Flowery Kingdom shortly.

The monotony of receiving cane at the Papaikou mill to be crushed was a bit varied last week when a Japanese youngster two years of age came rushing down the flume on to the carrier. The little fellow was dragged out pretty badly bruised, but no bones broken, miraculously enough.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT. The bark Harvester sailed for San Francisco, Wednesday, February 29th, with 16,689 bags sugar, 2,114,344 lbs., valued at \$60,770.16.

The rough weather on the 2d inst., forced the Kinau to give up discharging freight at Papaikou.

The bark Annie Johnson is expected here about the 10th inst., from San Francisco.

Sheriff Williams had his Kau deputy visit the scene of the barkentine Hilo wreck immediately upon hearing of the mishap. He reported the vessel still intact but with a big hole in her bottom. She is so far away from any port that it will be impossible to save anything.

Wilder's Steamship Company was well represented Sunday, the 4th inst., in Hilo bay—Likelike, Kinau, Kilauea Hou and Hawaii.

The steamer Kinau will probably return to Honolulu without a pound of sugar freight.

The steamer Hawaii came in Sunday morning with Warren Goodale, Esq., and Dr. R. B. Williams as passengers.

KOHALA, March 6.—I notice with regret the many schemes and plans for a new Hawaiian flag. As it is only a matter of two years when a new flag will float here anyway, it seems hardly worth while changing our present flag further than knocking the crown out of it. Esthetically our flag is not a beautiful one, but that is due to the three colored stripes and not to the design. Drop the blue out of the stripes and make them alternate white and red and the Union Jack in the corner, and our flag is what it ought to be, the representative of the union of the two great branches of the English-speaking world. The designs that place a star or other figure in the center of the flag are not in the line of Anglo-Saxon genius, but have their prototypes in Japanese, Turkish and South American fancies. Let some of our patriotic Hawaiian artists of the brush or the needle construct a flag of alternate

red and white stripes, with the red, white and blue of the Union Jack in the same form and position it now occupies, and see what a pleasing picture it makes.

Another epidemic of the grippe has swept over Kohala. A great many were affected by it, and the captain of the Watson, who was laid up with a broken leg at Mahukona, succumbed to the disease, which rapidly developed into pneumonia; and, though everything was done that careful nursing and medical skill could accomplish, he died on the morning of March 31. His widow, who is with us, has the sympathy of all.

The winds have veered around to the northeast and there are occasional dashes of rain.

The Kohala Literary Circle had another session last week. The subject in hand was the literary works of Frank Stockton, which were discussed in an exceptionally entertaining manner. Mr. John Hind read selections from "Pomona's Letters" so well that we all wanted more. Mr. Shorey gave an ably written paper on the maritime adventures of Mrs. Lekes and Mrs. Aleshine with many deductions therefrom of such local interest as to fairly bring down the house. The "Lady and the Tiger" was discussed by Mr. Ostrom in a most amusing article. Mrs. Bond bent her energies to the analysis of "Rudder Grange," and in a manner that did equal justice to author and critic. Miss Bruce read the episode of the mixing of the babies in her usual happy style. And last, but by no means least, came the reading of a newspaper by Dr. Bond. The music of the evening was furnished by Mrs. John Hind and Miss Powers.

The Hawaiian railroad has its gravity track at Kohala Mill pretty well completed, and a few days will see it in operation.

A play is in process of preparation, and Kohalaites are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to its production in the near future.

HONOHAU, March 5.—The Waialeale could not take in the mail here, so Postmaster Lincoln had to send the mail to Kukuiahae, where it was shipped. The wind has been blowing pretty hard since Tuesday.

No steamer stopped at Paauhau last week, although two were expected. The stores are run low in matters of stock, etc.

Mauna Kea presents a striking and noble appearance, being covered with snow from its crest to the edge of the woods.

There was an impromptu dance last Saturday at the Lyceum.

J. A. Alfonso has tendered his resignation as agent of the Portuguese Mutual Benevolent Society of Hawaii. He has faithfully served in this position for eight years; he also served four years as the first president.

The Waialeale will be here on Wednesday afternoon, and it is hoped the foreign mail, which arrives on the 6th by the Oceanic, will be forwarded by her. The postal service is very efficient, and thanks are due to Postmaster-General Jot and his subordinates.

The rain has discontinued, but the sea and wind are very high, and landing is unsafe. The days are sultry, but the nights cool and invigorating; thermometer at 65 deg.

LATEST FROM THE WRECK.

The Hilo Going to Pieces on the Kau Coast.

KAU, March 2, 1894.—As a policeman leaves for Hilo today I take the opportunity to send you the latest report from the wreck.

Since the Hall left I learned from the deputy sheriff, W. J. Yates, who just returned from there, that she is fast going to pieces, and the water is washing clean over her and nothing can be saved.

Shortly after the captain and crew left the vessel the natives appeared on the rocks and made several attempts to reach the vessel, and finally one succeeded by swimming out, as it was impossible on account of the rough sea to launch a canoe. The native reported that when he reached the vessel the water was almost even with the quarter deck, and at times washing over it, when looking down into the cabin he saw a clock in the after companion way, and he could not get that.

Later on quite a large school of sharks were seen swimming around the vessel.

Just before the Hall was to leave the captain decided to wait over to find out more particulars from the vessel.

Great praise is due to Deputy Sheriff Yates for his promptness in proceeding to the wreck during the heavy thunderstorm.

KAU. A Very Sad Story.

"Sam" Parker went down to the Mail wharf bright and early Tuesday morning to learn the news. As soon as the vessel came within speaking distance he asked some one on board what the latest information was and the answer, "Stevens' action is upheld," came back in a second. "Sam" then turned to his companion and said: "Let us go home."

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PULLED DOWN A FRENCH FLAG.

A Wealthy Citizen of the Island of Riatea Ordered Shot.

The San Francisco Chronicle prints a story received by a private letter on the brig Gallilee of a revolt on the island of Riatea, one of the Society group in the South Seas. On Dec. 24th last the rebels pulled down a French flag on the newly erected Government building.

The trouble grew out of a difficulty between the supporters of the French Colonial Government and native traders, who are daily growing more jealous of the Frenchmen and their growing commercial influence. Immediately after the occurrence the French transport Durance was dispatched to the island from Papeete, and the commander ordered that if the man who hauled down the flag was not surrendered the town would be blown off its coral foundation. The rebel, who happened to be a wealthy citizen, was surrendered and taken on board the vessel, which sailed at once for the penal settlement of New Caledonia. It had been ordered from Papeete that he be shot five days after his arrival at New Caledonia, and there is every reason to believe the order was carried out.

A similar uprising took place about two years ago, when the French first seized the island. The natives were then silenced, however, by a war vessel dispatched from Papeete. This latest disturbance occurred when the French flag was hoisted on the new town hall at Riatea. When the rebel faction discovered the tricolor, they cast lots to see who should break into the building and pull down the flag. It fell to the unfortunate citizen who was subsequently delivered up by the malcontents to be shot.

AID FOR THE WIDOW.

The Wailuku Police Force Make a Timely Donation.

The Wailuku police force has come to the aid of the widow of the late Officer Kauhane. They have subscribed \$24 in all. The other islands are yet to be heard from. With the Government's allowance and the ADVERTISER and Star's subscription lists, the widow has no danger of want staring her in the face. The following is the Wailuku police subscription:

Table listing names and donation amounts for the Wailuku police subscription, totaling \$24.00.

The Hawaiian Correspondence.

Some day all things will certainly be known. Some day, 'gainst Might, the claims of Right will win; And some day, too, though it is not possible to give any estimate as to the probable date, the prediction being based on the fact that almost anything may happen in the immense infinity of future which confronts the human race.

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